

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

WPAT; JAPIO; Medline; CAPlus (pulmonary, surfactant, SP-A, SP-B, SP-C, SP-D, heart, cardi*, heart failure (determin*, detect*, screen*, monitor*, diagnos*, predict*, analys*), systemic, (body fluid, blood, plasma, serum, urin*)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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